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SUBJECT: CANADIAN AGRICULTURE NOTIFICATION AND REQUESTS FOR
CONSULTATIONS

1. MTN DEL RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 15 CANADIAN NOTIFICATIONS ON A GREAT
NUMBER OF US AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS (BTN CHAPTERS 1-24) WITH A REQUEST
FOR CONSULTATIONS AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. THE NOTIFICATIONS
REFER TO TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES AND INCLUDE PRODUCTS SUBJECT
TO THE PURVIEW OF THE THREE PRODUCT SUBGROUPS WITH RESPECT TO
WHICH, SO FAR, NO FORMAL CONSULTATIONS PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN AGREED
UPON. NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE HAND CARRIED TO STR.

2. THE NOTIFICATION DOES NOT FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE USED SO FAR,
ACCORDING TO WHICH COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL LETTERS OF NOTIFICATION
ARE BEING SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP AGRICULTURE FOR CIRCULATION.
RATHER, THE CANADIAN NOTIFICATION WAS SENT TO US MTN DEL AND
ALSO UNDER SEPARATE LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
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COMMITTEE (LONG) AND NOT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP AGRICULTURE

(PATTERSON).

3. THE SUBSTANTIVE PART OF THE LETTER TO LONG STATES: QUOTE
THE ENCLOSED NOTIFICATION LISTS ARE BEING SUBMITTED WITH A VIEW
TO PUTTING IN HAND THE NECESSARY PROCESS OF INFORMATION,
EXAMINATION AND DIALOGUE WITH RESPECT TO ALL MEASURES AFFECTING
THE TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT, AS
I INDICATED AT THE DECEMBER 1975 MEETING OF THE TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, IT IS THE POSITION OF THE CANADIAN
DELEGATION THAT ANY DELEGATION HAS RIGHT TO SUBMIT
NOTIFICATION LISTS TO OTHER DELEGATIONS AND REQUEST
CONSULTATIONS AT ANY TIME REGARDING THE TRADE IN ANY
PRODUCT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY QUESTION OF THE FORUM OR
FORA IN WHICH VARIOUS ISSUES MAY BE DISCUSSED OR NEGOTIATED.
UNQUOTE.

4. IN IT SIGNIFICANT THAT CANADIAN NOTIFICATION WAS ADDRESSED
TO TNC CHAIRMAN WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY PARTICULAR PROCEDURE.
INPLICITLY CANADIANS ARE INVOKING THE TNC MANDATE
(PARA 4 OF MTN/W/24) TO NOTIFY AND CONSULT AS WELL AS THE
RIGHT OF ANY GATT CONTRACTING PARTY TO NOTIFY AND CONSULT
IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT IS AGREED TO IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
MTN. THIS IS A PRAGMATIC CANADIAN ATTEMPT TO PUT PROCUDURAL
ISSUES ASIDE AND TO INITIATE CONSULTATIONS ON PRODUCTS
OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THEM.

5. THE CANADIANS, HOWEVER, INFORMED US THAT THE NOTIFICATIONS
ARE TO BE CIRCULATED IN THE MTN/AG/W/11 ADDENDUM SERIES OF
GROUP AGRICULTURE RATHER THAN AS A TNC DOCUMENT. ON THE OTHER
HAND, THEY INTEND TO BE PRAGMATIC ON HOW TO REPORT THE RESULTS
OF THESE CONSULTATIONS. THEY WILL REPORT ORALLY (OR IN
WRITING IF CONSULTING PARTMER INSISTS) TO GROUP AGRICULTURE
THAT CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THEY DO NOT FEEL BOUND
TO REPORT TO ANY SPECIFIC GROUP ON MEASURES WHICH WERE THE
SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT FEEL
INHIBITED TO INJECT THE CONSLUSIONS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS IN
THE DISCUSSIONS OF ANY GROUP.

6. THE EC HAS AGREED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CANADIANS
ON NOVEMBER 9. HOWEVER, THE CANADIANS WILL BE WILLING
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TO HOLD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EC UNDER THE AEGIS OF
THE PRODUCT SUBGROUPS ON THESE PRODUCTS.

7. THIS CANDDIAN INITIATIVE FITS VERY WELL OUR
OVERALL STRATEGY FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE BY
PROVIDING AN OCCASION TO DISCUSS MEASURES AFFECTING
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OUTSIDE REPEAT OUTSIDE
GROUP AGRICULTURE PROCUDURES. THUS, WE RECOMMEND

ACCEPTING THE CANADIAN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION.
WE ENVISAGE THAT THE FIRST CONSULTATION WILL
CONSIST OF CLARIFICATION OF CANADIAN NOTIFICATIONS.
SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WILL
DEPEND UPON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.
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